

Application Number: 10/519,216
Reply Dated: December 2, 2008
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REMARKS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action dated June 3, 2008 for which a three (3) month period of response was given. A Petition and fee for an additional two (2) month extension of time accompany this paper. Given that a one (1) month extension of time was paid for on October 3, 2008 only the remaining portion of the fee for a three (3) month extension of time is believed to be due. However, should an additional extension of time and/or any further additional claim fees be due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to treat this paper as a Petition for any needed extension of time and to charge any fees due to Deposit Account No. 50-0959, Attorney Docket No. 089498.0436.

Claims 1 and 4 through 19 are pending in the present application. Claim 2 was previously cancelled. Claims 1 and 11 have been amended. Support for the amendments to claims 1 and 11 can be found in the specification as filed. Claim 3 has been cancelled. Accordingly, no new matter has been added. As such, entry and consideration of the amendments to the claims is believed due and is respectfully requested.

Applicants' undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of the allowability of the subject matter of claims 4, 5, 10, 12, 14 and 16 through 19. Also Applicants' undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for the acknowledgement of the allowability of the subject matter of claim 3, if rewritten into independent format. Given this, claims 1 and 11 have been amended into independent format so as to include the subject matter of claim 3 and claim 3 cancelled. Accordingly, given the above-proposed amended claim set, it is believed that all of the pending claims, claims 1 and 4 through 19 are now in condition for allowance. As such, confirmation of the allowability of claims 1 and 4 through 19 is believed due and is respectfully requested.

I. The Telephone Interview:

Applicants' undersigned attorney would like to thank the Examiner for taking part in the telephone interview of December 2, 2008. As discussed during this telephone interview, claims 1 and 11 have been amended to include the allowable subject matter of claim 3, and claim has been cancelled.

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In light of the above, it is believed that all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. As such, a confirmation of the allowability of claims 1 and 4 through 19 is believed due and is respectfully requested.


II. Conclusion:

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the pending novelty rejections of claims 1 and 4 through 19 is respectfully requested.

For at least the foregoing reasons, claims 1 and 3 through 19 of the present application are believed to be in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner wish to discuss any of the foregoing in more detail, the undersigned attorney would welcome a telephone call.

Respectfully submitted,


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